(iii) HI 977 and HD 2501 in Maharashtra and Karnataka.
(iv) Raj-3077 in Rajasthan and HI 1077 in M.P.
(v) KRL-1-4 and RAJ-3077 in salt affected soil.
(vi) Use of 'stomp' preemergence weedicide in wheat.
(vii) Increase seed rate under broadcast sown conditions in different parts of the country.

Brackish Water Prawn Farm

3804. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the States for Brackish Water prawn farm and hatchery for seeking assistance of external funding agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken/ proposed to be taken thereon, project-wise; and

(d) the details of the incentives provided for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No proposal from any State for Brackishwater Prawn Farm and Hatchery for external assistance is now pending with the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

(d) Incentives provided for such projects are dependent on the negotiated settlement made with the external funding agencies. Under the engoing World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish culture projects, loan is provided for meeting the cost of (i) pond development; (ii) establishment of shrimp hatchery, backyard nurseries, feed mills, ice plants, individual quick freezing machinery to private entrepreneurs; and (iii) initial working capital for seed and feed.

Projects Cleared by National Cooperative Development Corporation

3805. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the new projects received and cleared by the National Cooperative Development Corporation during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise along with the total cost of the projects and NCDC's financial support for Maharashtra in particular;

(b) the details of the projects cleard during the current year and the number of projects pending along with the estimated cost of project and financial assistance sought from National Cooperative Development Corporation; and

(c) the details of on going schemes for extending financial assistance to cooperative ventures, scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The Corporation has received 5798 proposals involving a block cost of Rs. 1772.11 crores from cooperative sector in the country under various schemes during the last 3 years. Out of these, 5498 proposals/projects have been cleared involving a financial assistance of Rs. 982.02 crores from NCDC. The Sector-wise and year-wise details of projects received, cleared, etc. are indicated in the Annexure-I. (See Appendix (CLV Annexure No. 63). In so far as Maharashtra State is concerned, a total of 388 proposals involving block cost of Rs. 576.79 crores were received by the, Corporation during the last 3 years. Out of these, a total of 295 proposals with financial assistance of